

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Initially, applicants wish to point out that the newly cited art to U.S. patent 5,805,118 to Mishra et al. has not formally been made of record as that reference has not been cited on a PTO-892 form. Applicants request that for clarity of the record that reference be properly cited on a PTO-892 form.

Claims 1-4 and 7-24 are pending in this application. Claims 5 and 6 are canceled by the present response without prejudice. Claims 1-8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over U.S. patent 5,805,118 to Mishra et al. (herein "Mishra") in view of U.S. patent 6,587,082 to Moore and U.S. patent 6,104,414 to Odryna et al. (herein "Odryna"). Claims 9 and 18-24 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Mishra in view of Odryna. Claims 10-17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by Mishra.

Addressing each of the above-noted rejections, each of those rejections is traversed by the present response.

Each of independent claims 1, 9, 10, 18, 20, and 23 is amended by the present response to clarify features recited therein. Specifically, independent claim 1 now recites a specific limitation of:

an instruction-input unit that is used by a user to select one of the screen data and one of said image-display devices through a graphical user interface (GUI), and to direct the selected image-display device to display the selected screen data, wherein the transmission data is generated based on the selected screen data by said transmission-data-generating unit, and then is transmitted to the selected image-display device by said transmission unit.

Each of the other above-noted independent claims is amended to recite a similar feature. The above-noted features were previously presented in dependent claim 6, and accordingly dependent claim 6 is canceled by the present response.

Applicants respectfully submit that the above-noted feature clearly distinguishes over the applied art.

In each of the above-noted rejections Mishra is cited as the primary reference and is particularly cited to disclose the above-noted "instruction-input unit". With respect to the above-noted feature the outstanding Office Action specifically cites Mishra at column 4, lines 58-67.¹ However, applicants respectfully submit that the outstanding Office Action does not fully consider the above-noted feature with respect to the teachings in Mishra, and particularly as to how the claimed features differ fundamentally from the device in Mishra.

Applicants first note that Mishra at column 4, lines 58-67 simply does not teach or suggest any type of "instruction-input unit" that includes a graphical user interface (GUI), and that further allows *a user to select one of the screen data and one of the image-display devices*. The outstanding Office Action does not appear to be considering the function and operation of the "instruction-input unit". Particularly, that unit allows a user to select which specific screen data is to be displayed on which image-display device through a GUI. At column 4, lines 58-67 Mishra simply fails to teach or suggest any similar feature. More specifically, at column 4, lines 58-67 Mishra discloses utilizing a multi-screen approach "which includes synchronization, as well [as] a method to support the customization of image layout format based on session type".² In such ways the noted portion in Mishra is merely directed to display synchronization and customization, and has nothing to do whatsoever with

¹ Office Action of November 13, 2003, page 5, lines 4-10.

² Mishra specifically at column 4, lines 61-64.

a user being able to select screen data to be provided onto an image display device through a GUI.

Applicants also note that such differences stem from the fact that the device and method in the claims as currently written and the device in Mishra are directed to different devices with different objectives.

One objective in the claims as currently written, and with reference to Figure 2 in the present specification as a non-limiting example, is to allow a central control device 100 to control which of different pages of a document stored in a two-dimensional arrangement 240 are provided to which of respective image display devices 102-1, 102-2, 102-3, etc. Mishra is not directed to any type of similar device. In Figure 1 Mishra discloses one workstation 22' with plural displays 30-35. However, Mishra does not even address or is concerned about how specific data from a document is provided to those specific displays, with respect to allowing a user to select which specific portions of a document are provided to which of different display devices.

In such ways, the claims as currently written clearly differ over the teachings in Mishra.

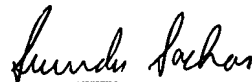
Moreover, no teachings in Moore and/or Odryna overcome the above-noted deficiencies in Mishra.

Thereby, each of the currently pending claims is believed to distinguish over the applied art.

As no other issues are pending in this application it is respectfully submitted that the present application is now in condition for allowance, and it is hereby respectfully requested that this case be passed to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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